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CHINESE DEPUTY CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF VISIT

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U.S. PACIFIC COMMAND, Camp H.M. Smith, Hawaii – Lt. Gen. Wu Quanxu, Deputy Chief of the General Staff for the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA), will visit military installations in Hawaii, California and Alaska July 8 to 17.

The purpose of the Lt. Gen. Wu's visit is to gain a better understanding of the U.S. military's mission, organization and strategy, to build upon the rapport established by previous contacts, and to exchange ideas for future contacts between the U.S. and People's Republic of China military forces.

Lt. Gen. Wu is the PLA's counterpart to Adm. Joseph W. Prueher, Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command, who is hosting the visit.

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Note to assignment editors for two photo opportunities:

Media interested in attending a photo opportunity of Lt. Gen. Wu observing an infantry live fire exercise should be at the Makua valley range not later than 11 a.m., July 10. Contact Lee Ferguson or CPT Rob Rooker, Schofield Barracks Public Affairs, at 655-4815.

Media interested in attending a photo opportunity of LTG Wu laying a wreath at the USS ARIZONA on Friday, July 11, should contact Maj. Carol McBride, USCINCPAC Public Affairs, at 477-6245 by 3 p.m. July 10.